

REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF SEABROOK,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 20, 1861.

Town Paupers.

Paid Treasurer N. H. Asylum, for board of H. G. Bagley for the year 1860,	\$130 50
Isaiah Dow, for board of Elizabeth Eaton one year ending March 20, 1861,	28 00
Judith Eaton for board of Clarissa Eaton from Mch 20, '60 to Feb 11, '61, and other expenses,	80 24
Jonathan Dearborn, medical att. on Clarissa Eaton,	2 25
Judith Eaton, board of Susan Eaton from Mch 20 to April 5, 1860, and other expenses,	14 57
Jonathan Dearborn, med. attend'ce on Susan Eaton,	3 00
Wm Dow, for board his son Isaiah one year ending March 20, 1861,	52 00
Robert Dow for board of Sam'l Dow one year ending March 20, 1861,	52 00
James Locke, clothing, &c, for Samuel Dow,	2 60
Jona. Dearborn, med. attendance on Samuel Dow,	2 60
Moses Eaton, wood to Phebe Eaton,	1 33
Charles Dow, house rent	2 12
Charles Dow, " Abram Eaton,	7 88
Moses Eaton, wood to " "	4 25
Elihu Dow, goods to " "	20 10
Cyrus Dearborn, med. attend. on Abram Eaton,	1 75
for coffin, digging grave, and funeral exp. "	7 12
James Locke, goods to Sarah Knowles,	16 00
Newell Brown, wood to " and family of John Knowles,	18 50
J. G. Ladd, med. attendance one J. Knowles' child,	6 00

Paid Geo F. Dow, coffin for J. Knowles, and getting same,	6 50
John N. Brown, robe for John Knowles,	1 25
S. L. Brown, digging grave for J. Knowles', &c,	2 00
“ goods to Merriam Cilley,	7 50
Newell Brown, wood to “	6 00
Simon E. Dow, land rent for Sally Marshall,	3 50
Joseph Marshall, rent and supplies for Sally Marshall and children,	25 00
Moses Eaton, wood to Mrs Betsey Fowler,	7 61
Moses Eaton, wood to Ezekiel C. Eaton,	1 06
Moses Eaton, wood to Mary Ann Fowler,	2 12
Thomas Chase, board of David Brown for the year ending March 20, 1861,	70 12
S. L. Brown, shoes and goods for David Brown,	1 70
board Sam'l Brown one year ending March 20, 1861,	92 50
for clothing for Sam'l Brown,	10 71
Jona. Dearborn, med: attendance on Sam'l Brown,	7 75
board of Wash'g Cilley frm Feb 9, '61 to Mch 20, '61,	22 50
Jon. Dearborn, med. attend. on Washington Cilley,	4 50
S. L. Brown, clothing for Washington Cilley,	1 50
for board of Nancy Dow to Feb 27, 1861,	34 50
S. L. Brown, 1 pair shoes for Nancy Dow,	1 00
Jona. Dearborn, med. attend on Nancy Dow,	3 00
funeral expenses of Nancy Dow,	7 37
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	\$772 50

County Paupers.

Paid for support of John S. Cary one year ending Mch 20, 1861,	80 00
J. S. Ladd, med. attend. on John S Cary,	8 75
S. L. Brown, clothing for “	2 70
Elihu Dow, goods to Thomas Souther,	7 00
Cyrus Dearborn, med. att. on wife of Thos Souther,	1 50
Moses Eaton, wood to Thomas Souther,	10 98
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	\$110 93

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Newell Locke for timber for bridge in District No 9, for year 1859	\$2 25
Newell Brown, plank for bridge in District No 8,	20 78
Enoch Boyd, lumber “ “ 8,	11 86
William H. Noyes, “ “ 7,	8 68

Paid Robert C. Beckman, repairing bridges, Dist.	8,	12 30
Wm. H. Noyes, lumber for bridges,	9,	1 71
Moses D. Eaton, " " "	9,	3 10

Breaking Roads.

Paid for breaking roads in District No. 1,		24 97
J. B. Green, breaking roads in District No. 2,		3 25
Emery Brown, " " 3,		3 00
Arthur Rowe, " " 4,		1 00
breaking roads " " 6,		25
J. S. Chase, " " 7,		3 62
Robert Beckman, " " 8,		6 00
Henry Eaton, " " 9,		12 51
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		\$115 28

Contingent Expenses.

Paid State Tax,		\$203 70
County Tax,		424 92
Tax on Eaton Marsh,		19
Jonathan Gove, services as Town Clerk,		12 00
J. Moulton, inventory and surveyor's books,		5 81
Wm O. Haskell, settees for Town Hall,		72 90
Eastern Railroad, freight on settees,		10 45
B. F. Brown, services supt. school com. 1859-60,		18 00
Wm. S. Abbott, commissioner o' schools,		11 65
Belcher Brown, wood and services heating Town		
Hall town meeting day, 1860,		1 50
Amos Tuck, advice relative to Cerena Janvrin,		2 00
John M. Weare, for School District No. 1,		70 00
Joshua Janvrin, " " 2,		189 00
Caleb P. Jones, " " 3,		181 00
Joshua Gove, " " 4,		189 00
Moses Eaton, " " 5,		189 00
Frank Brown, collecting taxes,		50 00
D. F. Boyd, journey to Exeter after invoice books,		1 50
6 1-2 days appraising and assessing,		8 12
making invoice to send to Concord,		1 50
" return of militia, births and deaths,		1 50
" and recording taxes,		12 00
doing other town business,		15 00
Moses Eaton, journey to Exeter on case Sam'l Brown,		1 50
6 1-2 days appraising and assessing,		8 12
journey to Portsmouth to settle Co. pauper claim,		2 00
journey to Exeter on case of Cerena Janvrin,		1 50

Paid Moses Eaton for services as Treasurer,	3 00
journey to Newburyport after coffin for A. Eaton,	1 50
doing other Town business,	15 00
S. L. Brown, 6 1 2 days appraising and assessing,	8 12
journey to Newburyport, coffin for Nancy Dow,	1 50
" Boston after settees for Town Hall,	3 50
" Kensington after boarding place	
for Washington Cilley,	1 00
doing other Town business,	15 00
Auditors for auditing accounts,	1 00
printing accounts and school reports,	8 50
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	\$1741 98

Abatement of Taxes.

BY THE TOWN.

Paid Emery Brown, poll tax of Walter P. Dow for 1846,	2 47
Nicholas Pike, " Wm. Locke for 1852,	3 59
Joshua Janvrin, " Jas W Eaton, 1854,	2 21
Emery Brown, " " 1857,	1 95
Geo A Weare, " " 1859,	1 50

BY THE SELECTMEN.

Paid Joshua Janvrin, poll tax of J. Knowles for 1854,	2 68
Emery Brown, " " 1857,	2 36
Geo A Weare, " " 1858,	2 66
" " " Jere A Greeley for 1858,	
illegally assessed,	2 20
" " " John Knowles, 1859,	50
Frank Brown, " E C Eaton, 1860,	1 60
tax of heirs of Wm Beckman, in part for 1860,	3 38
poll tax of John Knowles, 1860,	1 50
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	\$28 60

NON RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED OUT.

In District No. 1,	\$11 41
" " 3,	2 79
" " 7,	3 39
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	\$17 58

Town of Seabrook,

CREDIT BY CASH AS FOLLOWS:

By balance in the Treasury March, 1859,	\$121 72
cash of Ezekiel C. Eaton,	77
State Treasurer, amount of Literary Fund,	102 90
" " " Railway Tax,	86 01
County Pauper claim to Oct 19, 1860,	82 24
Robert Eaton, for income from Eaton Marsh,	2 75
for rent of Town Hall,	3 00
Jas. Beckman and others, in part for income for Common Island for '60,	26 63
Frank Brown, whole amount committed to him for collection for 1860,	2 28 98
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	\$2655 00

Footings brought forward.

To amount of expenses for the Poor,	\$883 43
Roads and Bridges,	115 28
Contingent Expenses,	1,741 98
Non-Resident Highway Tax worked out,	17 58
Abatement of Taxes,	28 60
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	\$2 786 87
Amount of receipts,	2655 00
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Balance against	131 87

We, the undersigned, Auditors for the Town of Seabrook for the year ending March, 1861, have this day examined the accounts of said town exhibited by the Selectmen thereof, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and find a balance standing against the town in the sum of one hundred and thirty one dollars and eighty-seven cents.

JOSHUA JANVRIN, } Auditors.
JOSIAH GOVE, }

March 4, 1861.

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By amount of property owned by the Town—

Common Island,	\$400 00
Eaton Marsh,	50 00
Gravel Land,	200 00
Town House and Settees,	1275 00
Dow Marsh,	200 00
Jonathan Eaton land,	50 00
Pound and lot,	15 00
Amount due from the County on Pauper bill,	61 77
" " " Cyrus Brown on his note,	22 68
Balance due for income of Common Island for year 1860,	8 88
From Newell Dow, for income of Dow Marsh for the year 1860,	14 00
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	\$2,297 33

Statement of the Finances.

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By amount of property owned by the Town, and demands in-favor of
the town, \$2,297 33

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Balance against the Town for the year ending March, 1861, 131 87

Balance in favor of the Town, \$2,165 46

MOSES EATON, } Selectmen
DAVID F. BOYD, } of
SYLVESTER L. BROWN, } Seabrook.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

The Committee would submit the following Report—

The school in District No. 1 was taught by Mr. Albert J. Sanborn, commencing Dec. 31st, and continued 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars 18; average attendance, 16 5-14. Instances of tardiness, 23; dismissals, 11. Mr. Sanborn has had considerable experience in teaching. The appearance and improvement of the school was all we could expect. Number of scholars who have not attended school, 4.

DISTRICT No. 2.

In this District the Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Ellen A. Leavitt. Summer Term 15 weeks, commencing May 7th. Whole number of scholars, 46; average attendance, 31 26-76; instances of tardiness, 492; dismissals, 232. Winter Term commenced Oct. 31, and continued 15 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 62; average attendance, 37 61-75; instances of tardiness, 821; dismissals, 157. Miss Leavitt is an experienced teacher, and has taught this school a number of years. The school is not so forward as it should be. Whole number of scholars that have attended summer or winter term, 74.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term was taught by Miss Lizzie F. Perkins, 20 weeks, commencing

April 9th. Whole number of scholars, 66; average attendance, 41 38-100; instances of tardiness, 462; dismissals, 75. Miss Perkins is an experienced, faithful teacher. She labored hard for the literary and moral advancement of her scholars. The school at the close was highly commendable.

The Winter Term was taught by B. F. Brown (your committee) commencing Dec. 2d, and continuing 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 62; average attendance, 46 6-45; instances of tardiness, 121; dismissals, 16; whole number of scholars, 78. This school is deficient in books, more particularly the Testament, which every scholar that can read in the 3d or 4th reader should be supplied with. Also Webster's Dictionary. The scholars were interested in reading and arithmetic, in which they made good progress. The drawing of maps would be very interesting and useful to the school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

The Summer Term in this District was taught by Mrs. Mary C. Chase 16 weeks, commencing May 21. Whole number of scholars, 74; average attendance 57 $\frac{1}{4}$.—Mrs. C. has taught 28 weeks in this district before this term. The scholars were orderly and fair improvement made. Instances of tardiness, 67; dismissals, 42.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. Lafayette Rowe 13 weeks, commencing Nov. 5. Whole number of scholars, 65; average attendance 54 57-65; whole number of scholars attending summer and winter terms, 80. Mr. Rowe was not successful. His literary qualifications were competent, but it was very evident he was not born for a teacher. His school was noisy and the improvement small. Instances of tardiness, 54; dismissals, 2.

DISTRICT No. 5.

In this District the Summer and Winter Terms were taught by Mr. John L. Cilley, commencing May 28. First term 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 97; average attendance, 72 $\frac{1}{4}$. Second term commenced Aug. 20, and continued 7 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 80; average attendance, 55 2-7. Third term of 14 weeks, commenced Nov. 19th. Whole number of scholars, 76; average attendance, 47 2-3. Mr. Cilley is an experienced teacher, and met with good success. The order was very good, and the improvement fair. Still the school is very backward in reading. I think more attention should be paid to emphasis and the modulation of the voice. But no one can expect a teacher to do justice to 100 scholars. If a suitable room could be procured, this school should be graded and put under two teachers.

Whole number of scholars in town that have attended school within the year, three hundred and fifty.

Average number of scholars in each school—

		District No. 1....16 5 14		18
Summer and Winter Term,	"	"	2....34 49-75	74
"	"	"	" 3....43 $\frac{1}{2}$	78
"	"	"	" 4....56 28-100	80
"	"	"	" 5....58 1-3	100
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				209 11-100 350

Instances of Tardiness and Dismissals—

	Tardiness.	Dismissals.
No. 1.....	23	11
No. 2.....	1313	389
No. 3. . . .	583	91
No. 4.....	121	44
No. 5.....	1756	1000
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One hindrance to the progress of our school, and certainly a lamentable one, is a lack of interest and co-operation of the parents. Our registers tell a sad tale, very much of which might be prevented by suitable efforts on the part of parents. No one acquainted with the facts, will doubt that most could easily add one fourth to one third of the amount of their privileges by strict punctuality. Parents should teach their children by precept and example to be punctual, otherwise they will form habits injurious to themselves and others who may be connected with them in the future.

Our schools are reported unfavorably, compared with other schools in the County. Is it the Committee, is it the teachers, is it the scholars, or the parents who are to blame? Look at the registers. You may increase your institutes and committees, employ the best teachers in the state, yet your schools will still be backward as long as scholars are allowed to be at home or in the street. Some scholars have been punctual, and I give their names in hopes that others will do likewise.

District No. 1, Sydney O. Brown, Henry M. Gove, Melvin L. Gove, Otis Gove.

District No. 2, not any.

District No. 3—Summer Term—Clarissa Beckman, Harriet E. Gove, Sarah J. Rowe, Adelaide A. Rowe. Winter Term—Jonathan Boyd, George Felch, Joseph Walton.

District No. 4—Summer Term—Anna A. Brown, Almena R. Collins. Winter Term—Anna A. Brown, Wm. H. Felch. [Almena R. Collins missed only the first day of the term.

District No. 5—First Term—John K. Eaton, Isaiah E. Eaton, John W. Eaton, Otis S. Eaton, Sarah E. Eaton, Emma E. Eaton, R. Calvin Eaton. Second Term—George W. Pike, Isaiah D. Eaton, Wm. H. Eaton, Bonavista Brown, Elbridge N. Brown, Sarah E. Eaton, Emma E. Eaton, Ann R. Fowler. Third Term—Mary M. Dow.

There is but one instance of any parent visiting either of the schools in town the year past, and that was the Prudential Committee in No. 3.

B. F. BROWN,

Superintending School Committee.

Seabrook, March 4, 1861.